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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of )  
Thomas G. Woolston ) Group Art Unit: 2763  
Application No.: Not Assigned ) Examiner: Not Assigned  
Filed: September 27, 2000 )  
For: METHOD FOR FACILITATING )  
COMMERCE AT AN INTERNET-  
BASED AUCTION (*as amended*) )

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE TITLE:**

Please amend the title to read: METHOD FOR FACILITATING COMMERCE

AT AN INTERNET-BASED AUCTION.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Kindly cancel ~~Claim(s)~~ 1 - 10 without prejudice or disclaimer.

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